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REMARKS

Request for Telephone Interview with Examiner

Applicants have requested a telephone Interview with Examiner. They have submitted Interview Request Form (PTOL-413A), and filed an Agenda requested by Examiner. A telephone Interview was scheduled for January 4, 2006 but cancelled because the Supervisory Examiner was not available on the scheduled day. In case an Interview has not been had by the time Examiner receives this Amendment, it is requested that no further action be taken by the Patent Office until Applicants have had an opportunity for an Interview.

The Abstract has been amended to conform with MPEP requirements as requested by Examiner.

Dependent Claims 6, 12, and 18 have been cancelled.

Applicants' Argument: Remaining Amended Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13, 15-17, 19, and 20 are Not Anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by Ng (US6,405,175.

In order to more clearly define the present invention over the cited prior art, the claims have been amended so that independent claims 1, 7, and 14 now include the respective elements of their dependent claims 2, 8, and 15 which have been cancelled.

In a rejection based on anticipation under 35 U.S.C. 102, the reference must expressly or impliedly teach every element of invention without modification. The Examiner's application of the Ng patent does not meet this standard. The present invention relates to a user at a Web station who selects a product on a displayed Web page for a possible

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purchase. The present invention stores sets of predetermined queries to each of a set of Web database sites. Then, in response to a product selection, the predetermined search queries are sent to the appropriate web databases to provide a purchase profile of the selected product.

Ng may disclose elements of the claimed invention but not the combination. Ng's user may select a product for purchase on the Web; he may conduct his own individual searches for additional product information. However, there is no teaching in Ng of 1) storing, at the users Web station, a set of predetermined queries to each of a set of web database sites or 2) sending the predetermined search queries to their respectively predetermined databases directly in response to a product selection by the user. This does not meet the 35 U.S.C. 102 criteria of expressly or impliedly teaching every element of invention without modification. To emphasize this last difference, all of the claims have been amended to set forth that the predetermined stored queries are sent automatically in direct response to a product selection. Dependent claims 2, 8, and 14 originally covering this feature have been cancelled.

With respect to the claimed element of 1) storing, at the users Web station, a set of predetermined queries to each of a set of Web database sites, Examiner specifically cites column 11, lines 20-21 and 55-59 in Ng which refers to Fig. 8 therein. At best, these are search routines to databases which the user may turn to and use to get information about alternative products to those which he has selected. There is nothing in column 11 at lines 2-17 or 43-53 or elsewhere to indicate the storage of a set of predetermined queries to each of a set of Web database sites which are sent automatically in response to the selection of

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a product to purchase by a Web user. All of the procedures described in column 11 in Ng not automatic in response to a user product selection. All procedures are optionally initiated by the user.
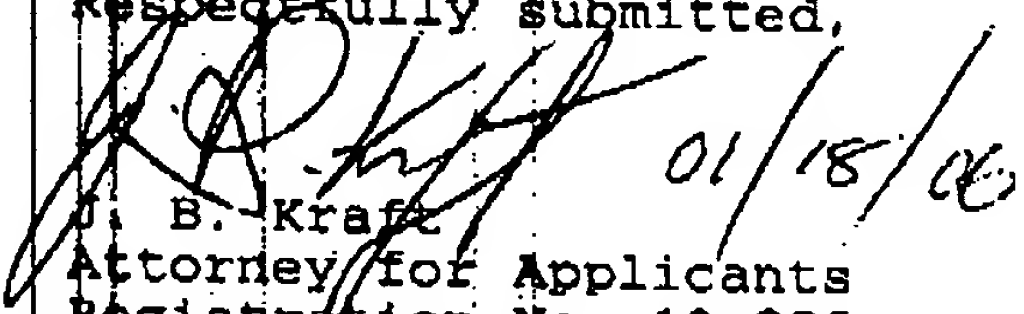
Accordingly it submitted that Ng fails as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102. In order to anticipate under this statute, the reference expressly or impliedly teach every element of invention without modification. Ng does not disclose the storage of a set of predetermined queries to each of a set of Web database sites which are sent automatically in response to the selection of a product to purchase by a Web user.

Applicants have amended the Abstract to conform to Examiner's requirements. Also, Applicants have cancelled dependent claims 6, 12, and 18 which Examiner objected to.

Applicants further submit that they have established that the claims as amended are not anticipated by Ng.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this Application is in condition for allowance, and the allowance of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13, 15-17, 19, and 20 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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